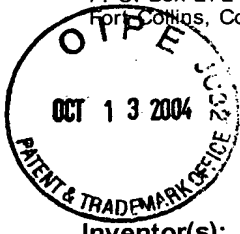


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

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Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

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The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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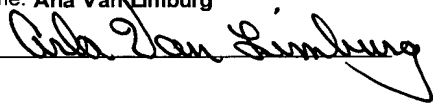
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 submitted with this Preliminary Amendment: